Dear Business Associates:

> I could really use your help. First, let me say that what I am asking you
> to do looks a bit complicated by the long instructions, but is actually
> very easy and will take just a few minutes.
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> The deadline for sending comments is 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 13,
> 2003. Yes that is today. Sorry for the short fuse.
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> Critical decisions impacting our economy, investment, and jobs are now
> being considered by the Federal Communications Commission in their
> Trienniel Review of telecommunications.
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> I am asking for your help in sending electronic comments to the FCC today
> in support of eliminating the current and harmful unbundling scheme in
> favor of a new paradigm that encourages sustainable competition and
> facilities investment. The current regulation requires SBC to resell its
> services at a 60% to 70% discount to resellers with no investment on their
> part.
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> The text of the proposed comments below will provide you with details
> concerning why the current irrational rules need to be changed.
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> To send electronic comments to the FCC, first use your cursor to highlight
> the text below that appears between the dotted lines, click on Edit, then
> click on Copy.
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> Once you have copied the following text, then click on the following URL
> which will open your web browser.
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> http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi
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> When you click on this URL the Electronic Comment File Submission (ECFS)
> form will appear. Follow these steps:
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> 1. Enter the Proceeding Number: 01-338 (Required)
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> 2. Click on the proper: Mail Correspondence To: field (Required)
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> 3. Enter Name of Applicant/Petitioner (Required)
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> 4. Law Firm Name (Optional)
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> 5. Attorney Name (Optional)
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> 6. E-mail-id (Optional)
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> 7. Enter Mailing Address for Correspondent (Required)
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> 8. Enter City (Required)
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> 9. Enter State (Required)
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> 10. Enter Zip Code (Required)
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> 11. Exparte/Late Filed (Optional)
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> 12. Select Document Type (THIS SHOULD SAY COMMENT. IF NOT, SELECT
> COMMENT.)
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> THE NEXT TWO SECTIONS ALLOW YOU TO EITHER ATTACH A FILE, OR TO TYPE BRIEF
> COMMENTS. SKIP THE FIRST SECTION TITLED: Send Comment Files to FCC
> (Attachments)
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> Go to the Section Titled: Send a Brief Comment to FCC (typed-in)
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> Since you copied the comments in the instructions above, you can place
> your cursor in the comments box provided, then click on Edit, then click
> on Paste to enter in the comments. After you have pasted comments click
> on the Send Brief Comment to the FCC button.
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> Once you have sent your comments, you will get a verification page that
> lets you know that the comments have been accepted by the FCC. The system
> will also let you know if you have omitted data, and will allow you to
> correct the information.
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> I would very much appreciate it if you could let me know when you send the
> comments so I can keep track. Please send an e-mail to:
> <mailto:ga2295@txmail.sbc.com>
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> Thank you in advance for your support in this endeavor which is critical
> to the economy of the United States.
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> Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.
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> February 13, 2003
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> Honorable Michael Powell
> Chairman
> Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW
> Washington, DC 20544
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> RE: CC Docket No. 01-338, Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations
> of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers
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> Dear Chairman Powell:
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> It's time for the FCC to dismantle the economically irrational facilities
> unbundling rules that have devastated the telecommunications industry and
> the high-tech manufacturing sector. Over the past 3 years over 500,000
> jobs have been lost, more than $1.7 trillion in stock market
> capitalization has evaporated, and capital spending has been severely
> curtailed.
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> The FCC should create a national framework governing the telecom industry
> that incents facilities investment, and thus, creates an environment
> allowing for long-term, sustainable competition. On a national basis, the

> FCC should eliminate unbundled switching and the unbundled element
> platform (UNE-P). The FCC should eliminate other unbundling requirements
> where facilities-based competition has developed. For example,
> competition in the market for high capacity loops and transport is
> prolific in many areas of the country. Therefore, current unbundling
> requirements should be lifted.
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> The FCC should not extend unbundling requirements to broadband facilities.
> Freeing broadband investment from costly unbundling requirements will
> incent investment and deployment of valuable new technologies nationwide.
> The products and services provided by broadband technologies will add
> significant value, efficiencies and capabilities to small and large
> businesses across the U.S.
> A recent study released by the Progress and Freedom Foundation found that
> eliminating the current unbundling regime would result in the creation of
> 1.115 million new jobs in the communications sector and an increase in
> capital spending of $169.5 billion over the next five years.
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> I urge the FCC to support eliminating the current and harmful unbundling
> regime in favor of a new paradigm encouraging sustainable competition and
> facilities investment.
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> Sincerely,
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> Commissioner Abernathy
> Commission Adelstein
> Commissioner Martin
> Commissioner Copps
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